

M'NARY BILL IS ENDORSED

WASHINGTON.—Airplane patrols for the prevention and suppression of fires in all the national forests of the Pacific coast and the Rocky mountain region are provided in an amendment to the forestry bill by Senator McNary of Oregon. The amendment appropriates \$50,000. All state and privately owned timber, as well as federal timber, will be protected in Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho, Montana and northeastern Wyoming, if the amendment is adopted.

The plan involves the use of 29 patrols, 99 planes and 539 pigeons. It was through Senator McNary's efforts that experiments with airplane patrols in fire prevention were made in Oregon and California last summer. The success was such that the department of agriculture asked Senator McNary to offer this amendment.

RENAISSANCE

Now, we're going to have a real community service organization. We have had a Commercial Club in the past, but with the exception of the officers the members had to look through their receipt files to discover whether they belonged. The club as an organization was willing and anxious enough to serve the community, but the absence of a sufficiently well defined policy at times caused it to lapse into a lethargy and apathy that appeared difficult to shake off.

We are going to have a new community service organization campaign in which every man and every woman in whose heart there abides that loyalty and sympathy which the town so badly needs, a real opportunity to render real service. The campaign is to be directed by the American City Bureau, an organization devoted to the work of rejuvenating moribund commercial bodies in cities everywhere in the country. The Ashland Commercial Club's membership is to be increased from 125 to 300, and when the campaign is over there will be a big fund pledged for the expansion work that is now contemplated by the trustees in the way of advertising the attractiveness of Ashland as an all-year tourist resort. The advantages offered for the locating of industries and the exploiting of the horticultural and agricultural resources of this immediate vicinity will receive proper attention.

The principal mission of The American City Bureau in Ashland will be to get the men who can and will do things into harness. The Commercial Club is no place for social caste or for low-towing before great wealth. It must have as its directing geniuses those men found in every community who can surmount obstacles, who can exhibit both courage and diplomacy, who can COMMAND.

Ashland needs men. We have them and if we will place the destinies of the city in their hands we will build a city here that will make its name and its advantages known the world over and bring wealth and prosperity to all her citizens who have weathered the storms of the past and have clung to her, with an abiding faith in her future.

A CRAZY MEASURE

One of the bills that is now being circulated for enough signatures to put it on the ballot at the election next year provides for new rates of interest within the state. Under its provisions 4 per cent would be the legal rate on all past due or open accounts, and 5 per cent would be the maximum rate that could be charged on contract.

The bill is a prize piece of freak legislation and will get the licking that it deserves at the hands of the voters of the state. It is probable that there will be some who will be short sighted enough to think that a compulsory lowering of the interest rate will be of benefit to them, but they will be very much in the minority, and their selfish votes will have no effect on the result.

THE HOTEL AUSTIN

The visit to Ashland of Jesse Winburn, of New York, who left for the south yesterday, has demonstrated one thing not generally known by Ashland citizens. The Austin Hotel can put up as good viands and service as any hotel anywhere and is willing to do it when met with sufficient price to justify it. Mr. Winburn was a visitor who wanted the best all the time and was willing to pay for it. He expressed to the writer his entire satisfaction with the service he got at the Austin and said it was gladly supplied at a comparatively low cost, yet to our knowledge he paid about twice as much as the average guest for his accommodations.

We have concluded that the criticism we have heard against the Hotel Austin is not justified. The trouble lies mostly with ourselves. For instance, if we hold a banquet we want it at about fifty cents a plate and seem to expect a two dol-

lar meal and service. Of course that is out of the question. We should expect just what we pay for and no more. That is business. But when the occasion arises for a two dollar plate banquet and the price is offered Caterer Conner has demonstrated that he is glad and able to serve it as good as any hostelry. The banquet tendered Mr. Vining was of that high class and a little dinner tendered by Mr. Winburn to a few friends a few days before proved beyond doubt that the only thing standing in the way of very high class service at Hotel Austin was that the guests were not willing to pay the price. Of course any hotel can only supply the service that the guest is willing to pay for.

We might add that Mr. Winburn is the first guest visiting Ashland for a long time, if ever, who wanted the best and was willing to pay the price. If Hotel Austin could enjoy the visitation of ten such guests a day there would be no reason for complaint as to the service that Mr. Conner is willing to give.

Hotel Ashland is now in good hands. The demands of tourists this summer will be higher than ever. The guests will be willing to pay the price and the hostess has both the ability and disposition to render it.

Now, Mr. Gilzen and the Commercial Club, Ashland has that good hotel you have been crying for, get behind it and through wide publicity bring enough guests here of the Jesse Winburn type to support it. Conner will give the service.

RECONSTRUCTION

Ahead the expansion and reorganization movement inaugurated by the Ashland Commercial Club:

Reconstruction is an issue of this community because it is an issue of the Nation. The chief issue is democracy. Human relationships must be adjusted and ideals harmonized so that there will be as little conflict as possible and so that Bolshevism, or the rule of class, cannot raise its ugly head in America.

Just as this community presented a solid front during the Great War, so must it unite in saving the fruits of victory. The call of the time is for intelligent leadership in the business of making better citizens.

The problems of peace are no less problems of organization than were the problems of war. Leadership is required as well as an agency for inculcating and perpetuating the principles of Americanism. That leadership and its agency should be the Commercial Club.

Will you first set your own house in order so that you may consistently and effectively aid your community and the Nation in giving effect to the ideals and reconstructive policies that represent true Americanism? As the organization of community leadership our Commercial Club needs to be so reconstructed that its ideals are those of human brotherhood; its form of organization and government truly democratic; its aim, community unity through an intelligently created public opinion; its work institutionalized; its program definitely planned and harmonized with membership interest; its meetings vitalized by the presence of speakers of national repute; and an adequate income assured.

Make this reconstruction your first order of business. Let it be your aim to transmit the organization to those who are coming after you are gone; let your watchword be community service for America.

WHAT WILL ASHLAND DO THIS FOURTH?

What will Ashland do on the Fourth of July? This year that day falls on Sunday. For that reason it was thought not advisable to have a three days' roundup this year. Yet the fact that Ashland is firmly established as the mid-summer holiday celebration would be a big help to putting on a great religious festival for the Fourth of July. If begun in time a choir of hundreds of voices could be mobilized in the valley for the occasion and trained to give very high class music. There could be a service provided for morning, afternoon and night with speakers of national reputation for each service. Of course it would cost money, but any of the secular amusements that might be provided would cost money, and the effect a great religious festival would have on the city would be salutary and would be worth much.

As Ashland has heretofore appropriated the three days including the Fourth for its celebration the advantage so gained should not be lost even though the day does fall on a Sunday. Secular amusements and entertainments could be arranged for Saturday and Monday and the religious festival, if arranged on a big scale, would hold the crowds over Sunday.

It appears to The Tidings as though a movement should be at once set on foot to accomplish such a celebration. It should be put on at the expense of the city, not the churches.

A feminine inventor is the patentee of a cap that also serves as a bag for carrying a bathing suit, the strap that passes under the chin forming the handle for the bag.

ARMORY TO HAVE NEW DANCE FLOOR

The National Guard and the American Legion are putting upwards of \$200 worth of repairs on the floor of the Armory building. Gilbert Stewart of Medford is engaged with a heavy machine dressing the floor, which is being cut down from one-eighth to one-fourth of an inch in places, eliminating the "wavy" surface that has been a detriment to the floor for dancing purposes. As soon as the sanding process is finished a dressing of oil and wax will be applied, and the Armory will be supplied with the finest dancing floor in Southern Oregon.

The Armory will be an ideal place for social gatherings, it is claimed, as soon as the present remodeling is completed. It will be provided with rest and dressing rooms, and will have smoking rooms. This will provide a long felt need among the young people of Ashland, as the Elks club and Nat are the only ones in the city provided with good dancing floors, and the Elks club is only available to Elks.

Valley people will have an opportunity of trying out the new Armory floor the latter part of the month, when the Oregon Agricultural college band will be here to give a concert, followed by a dance.

MORE IRRIGATION FOR JACKSON CO.

P. C. Dillard, engineer of the Talent irrigation project, was in Salem recently where he went to confer with Percy Capper, state engineer, with regard to the further development of the Talent irrigation district. This district comprises 5000 acres. Bonds in the sum of \$225,000 have been certified, while the remaining \$375,000 of the total issue is now before the irrigation securities commission for approval. According to Mr. Dillard's statement, this project includes some of the richest land in Southern Oregon much of which will be reclaimed and made productive through irrigation.

Tillamook cheese production 1919, 6,091,259 pounds, worth \$2,000,000.

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ASHLAND'S BETS ARE ON ABBOTT

Leith Abbott, of Ashland, who won his "O" in track past year by winning the half mile in 1:28.3, the fastest time made in the conference last year, is beginning to get in condition. Abbott is expected to better his time this year.

The freshman basketball team went to Salem Friday and played two games, one with the Salem High school, which they lost by a score of 26 to 30, and one with the Willamette freshmen, which they won by a score of 50 to 19. Arvin Burnett and Edwin Frasen, two Ashland men, went on the squad.

ASHLAND LADY WINS \$100 PRIZE

In a recent contest given in San Francisco for the best essay on "Americanism," the highest prize of three was won by Miss Wulfrid Watson of Ashland, who with her father, P. E. Watson, is spending the winter in that city. The contestants numbered 834, and Miss Watson was the fortunate winner of \$100. The Tidings hopes to print this essay in full whenever space permits.

Seeks Business Opportunity

The Ashland Commercial Club is in communication with a gentleman who has visited Ashland some time ago and wishes to locate here if he can find a suitable opening. He is seeking "any legitimate offering that would promise success to a business man with say from \$10,000 to \$15,000 capital." He prefers going into the flour and mill feed business, but will consider any good opening to meet any business line.

If anyone knows of something which may interest him drop a line to the secretary of the Commercial Club and he will give the man's name and address.

V. W. Knott of Rockford, Ill., a former chef on a Northern Pacific dining car, has purchased the White House cafe on East Main street operated by "Red" Morgan. Mr. Knott has changed the name of his establishment to the "Dew Drop Inn."



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LOW WAGES DUE TEACHER'S LACK

According to a statement recently issued by G. W. Ager, superintendent of the Jackson county schools, Oregon has a shortage of over one hundred teachers, with about four times that many who are below standard. It has been predicted that Oregon will have a shortage of about five hundred teachers this coming school year unless something is done to relieve the situation. The proposed two mill tax upon all property of the state for common school purposes will materially aid and should receive the active support of everyone. If the bill does not carry a number of schools in Jackson county will be without teachers, Superintendent Ager states.

While it is generally admitted that salaries should be at least double what they now are, it would seem best that a rather conservative schedule should be adopted especially for the minimum wage. Many districts are able

to pay far more than this schedule of minimum salaries indicates and should do so.

Superintendent Ager states the minimum wages recommended are:

For elementary teachers, unexperienced, with only a high school training class education, \$300; for elementary teachers with a standard normal school education, or teachers with at least two years of successful teaching experience, \$1080; for normal graduates with two or more years of successful experience, \$1200; for high school teachers with a college or university education, or those who have had at least two years of successful teaching experience and that are otherwise qualified, \$1200; for college or university graduates with two or more years of successful teaching experience, \$1400; high school principals will likely receive upwards of \$1800.

HAS NO REDRESS

VIENNA.—A gourmand has no redress against a profiteer, according to a decision handed down here. Rolf Zimmerman, govern-

ment official, charged profiteering against a restaurant, but hearing that he ordered soup, roast beef, roast veal a pork chop, half a pheasant, a quarter of a fowl, two sausages with sauerkraut, three apple tarts and a fig pudding, the judge dismissed the case.

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